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FROM THE DESK OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY & CEO

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. - Lamentations 3:22-23

Dear Members, Friends and Well Wishers of the New Delhi YMCA,

The New Delhi YMCA, established in 1927, has played a vital role in fostering community building and social cohesion in Delhi. As one of the most esteemed organizations in the city, it has consistently worked to empower individuals and strengthen the community through its multifaceted programs and initiatives.

Education forms a cornerstone of the New Delhi YMCA's contributions which equips students with professional skills and prepares them for careers in diverse fields. The computer training programs focus on skill development for underprivileged youth, enabling them to secure better opportunities and improve their socio-economic status. By prioritizing education and skill-building, the New Delhi YMCA helps bridge gaps in society and empowers individuals to lead better lives.

In the realm of social welfare, the New Delhi YMCA is a beacon of hope for marginalized sections of society. It organizes health camps, counseling services, and community outreach programs that cater to the needs of the underprivileged. Initiatives aimed at women's empowerment, child development, and youth leadership foster equality and encourage active participation in community life. These programs address societal challenges and create a more inclusive environment.

Cultural and recreational activities are another significant aspect of the New Delhi YMCA's community-building efforts. Through events, workshops, and sports tournaments, the organization promotes harmony and understanding among diverse groups. Its facilities, such as fitness centers and sports coaching programs encourage healthy living while providing platforms for social interaction.

Additionally, the New Delhi YMCA's spiritual initiatives nurture emotional well-being and moral values, reinforcing a sense of shared purpose and responsibility within the community. By fostering dialogue and collaboration across various religious and social groups, the New Delhi YMCA strengthens the bonds that hold the community together.

Over the decades, the New Delhi YMCA has established itself as a trusted institution committed to service, inclusivity, and empowerment. Its comprehensive approach to education, welfare, recreation, and spirituality has made a lasting impact on the lives of countless individuals. By addressing the needs of different segments of society and promoting a spirit of togetherness, the New Delhi YMCA continues to be a cornerstone of community building in the bustling and diverse city of Delhi.

God Bless the New Delhi YMCA.

Warm Regards,
Rajeev Singh
General Secretary & CEO

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

“Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go” – Joshua 01:09 (NKJV)

Dear Members & Well-wishers of the New Delhi YMCA,

Greetings in the Majestic name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

As we draw closer to the culmination of the current year, I can safely proclaim with humility and gratitude, that the New Delhi YMCA has been able to attain its pre-set goals, and uphold the vision and mission of the YMCA movement through its various programs, undertakings, managerial discretion, dedication of staff, and over and above all, the Grace of our Almighty God.

Every perceived and presented challenge and obstacle was encountered and overcome with proactive teamwork, experienced expertise, earnest compassion, and a sense of onus and belonging, resulting in the holistic and perpetual development of the New Delhi YMCA.

The Members of the Board of Directors along with the Secretarial Cadre recently dedicated time, effort, and synergy to reanalyse the various departmental Programs, scrutinize the financial and social impact of services & processes, assess the quantum of influence on society & community, brainstorm to increase efficacy, and holistically develop the fundamental functionalities of the New Delhi YMCA, with the core focus to ensure that present and future activities & undertakings yield maximum and optimum benefit and profitability, both, in terms of financial and social impact whilst realigning with the vision, mission, and essence of the organization.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Members of the New Delhi YMCA for their continual support, participation, presence, and prayers; and encourage the Members to actively share their time, effort, expertise, and perspectives, for the progressive growth of the New Delhi YMCA.

Let's continue to dedicate our efforts to serve the community, the society, and the Nation through your Prayers, Support, and Cooperation.

Kindly continue to keep the New Delhi YMCA in your Prayers.

Regards & God Bless,
J A Benjamin
President

Christian Emphasis

Prayer Breakfast Fellowship

The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Christian Emphasis organized a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 14th September 2024 at 8:30 am at the Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001.

The prayer meeting commenced with a word of Prayer extended by Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben; Chairman, Christian Emphasis Committee. It was followed by the congregational Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty".

Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY accorded a warm welcome to everyone present and especially welcomed Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup, Bishop of the Diocese of Delhi, Church of North India.

Mr. Joseph Anil Benjamin, President, NDY gave his greetings to all the guests present. The Praise and Worship was led by Christ Methodist Church, Butler Road, New Delhi.

The Scripture portion from the Gospel of Matthews 5: 9-16 was read by Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, NDY and 2nd Scripture portion from the Gospel of Luke 11: 1-5 was read by Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY.

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup, was the Guest Speaker for the day with a spiritual and encouraging message from the Lord our God.

The Fellowship concluded with a closing prayer and Benediction by Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup. The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, NDY.

Around 100 people attended the program.



Christian Emphasis

Prayer Breakfast Fellowship



The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Christian Emphasis organized the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 05th October 2024 at 8:30 am at the Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001.

The Prayer fellowship began with a word of Prayer offered by Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben; Chairman, Christian Emphasis Committee.

It was followed by the congregational Hymn “सारी सृष्टि के मालिक तुम्हीं हो “

Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, NDY welcomed everyone present and especially welcomed Rev. Harshit Jolly, Delhi Bible Fellowship Central Satsang.

The Praise and worship was led by Mr. Nitin John & Team from United Free Church, Vasant Kunj. The Scripture Portion (Luke 15:3-7) was read by Ms. Jyoti Micah and a special song was sung by Mr. Ashiko Daili.

Rev. Harshit Jolly was the Guest Speaker of the day and he shared the word of God.

The closing Prayer and Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Ajay Sobers; member, New Delhi YMCA.

The Prayer meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Mr. Gladwin Lal; Assistant General Secretary, NDY. Around 85 people attended the prayer fellowship.



Department of Christian Emphasis

Gospel Singing Competition

The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Christian Emphasis organized the Inter School Gospel Singing Competitions for Schools on Tuesday, 29th October 2024 in the Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001. The programme began with a word of Prayer offered by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, NDY. Mr. Noel Phillips; Associate General Secretary, NDY welcomed everyone present. Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben; Chairman, DoCE gave his greetings and good luck to everyone.

A total of 19 Schools participated with more than 350 students witnessed the event.

The competition was held in three categories-

1. Solo Male
2. Solo Female
3. Group Singing

The competition was ably judged by Mr. Melvin Diniz, Mr. John Varghese, and Mr. Manoranjan Minz.

Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY gave his greetings to everyone present.

Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben; Chairman, Christian Emphasis, Mr. Vijay Russell, Mr. Sumit Gupta; Member Board of Directors, Mr. James Massey, Mr. Saju Varghese; member New Delhi YMCA and Mr. Hemant Agarwal; Assistant General Secretary, NDY witnessed the programme.

The Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, NDY.

The Closing Prayer was offered by Mr. Vijay Russell and the Lord's Prayer & Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben.

The participating Schools were:-

1. Convent of Jesus and Mary School
2. YMCA Public School
3. St. Thomas Girl's Sr. Sec. School
4. Mount Carmel School, Anand Niketan
5. Mother Mary's School, Mayur Vihar – I
6. Faith Academy (Morning Shift)
7. The Delhi United Christian Sr. Sec. School
8. St. Crispin's Sr. Sec. School
9. Mount Carmel School, Dwarka
10. Queen Mary's School, Model Town
11. Faith Academy (Afternoon Shift)
12. Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt.
13. St. Paul's Diocesan School, Jangpura
14. St. Margaret School, Derawal Nagar
15. Father Agnel School, Gr. Noida
16. Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave
17. Father Agnel School, Gautam Nagar
18. St. Paul's School, Hauz Khas
19. St. Columba's School

The results of the competition are as follows:

Solo Female:

First	Alisha Nair	Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave
Second	Dana Wilson	St. Crispin's Sr. Sec. School
Third	Susana	Mount Carmel School, Anand Niketan

Solo Male:

First	Mihir Joshi	Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave
Second	Dilli Moses	St. Columba's School
Third	Tayo	Mount Carmel School, Dwarka

Group song

First	Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave
Second	Faith Academy (Afternoon Shift)
Third	Mother Mary's School, Mayur Vihar – I



CORPORATE OFFICE
Board Members & Secretaries Retreat
Taranggi Resort, Jim Corbett, 17-20 October 2024



The Board Members & Secretaries Retreat was organised at the Taranggi Resort, Dhikuli, Jim Corbett, Ram Nagar, Uttarakhand from 17-20 October 2024 with the focal emphasis on deliberations regarding the Centenary Programs, the Social Media & Digital Marketing undertakings, and the review and analysis of the regular programs of the NDY.

The First day began with an Inaugural Session led by Mr. Vineet Masih, whereby the Opening Prayer was done by Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben, followed by the Scripture readings by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Welcome & Briefing by Mr. Rajeev Singh, and Keynote address by Mr. J A Benjamin, and a vote of thanks by Mr. Hemant Agarwal.

The Second day commenced with a Morning Devotion led by Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben, followed by the Presentation on Centenary Celebrations by Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Mr. Vineet Masih, Mr. Feroze Khan, and Mr. Harshul Singh. This session was moderated by Mr. Peter Prem. The following session included a Presentation on Social Media Campaign for the Centenary Celebrations, presented by Mr. Noel Phillips, Mr. Gladwin Lal, Mr. Ashish Clifton, and Mr. Sagar Paul, and was moderated by Mr. Girish Varghese.

The Third day started with the Devotion Service led by Mr. Vijay Russell and was followed by the Discussion Session on the Review of Programmes and Events implemented at the New Delhi YMCA. This session was moderated by Mr. Jovial Vaghela, and assisted by Mr. Noel Phillips.

The Concluding Session of the previous presentations and discussions was led by Mr. J A Benjamin and assisted by Mr. Rajeev Singh. This session included the summarization reports and key takeaways from the presentations and recommendations of the previous sessions, and was presented by Mr. Feroze Khan for the Centenary Programmes Report and by Mr. Ashish Clifton for the Social Media Campaign Report. The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Noel Phillips, followed by the Prayer & Benediction by Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben.

The Retreat included Sightseeing Trips and a Jungle Safari for the family members coordinated by Mr. Sagar Paul and Mr. Harshul Singh. The Evening Entertainment programs & Cultural Presentation was coordinated by Mr. Ashish Clifton, and the concluding Gala Dinner was coordinated by Mr. Feroze Khan.

The Board Members & Secretaries Retreat was an amalgamation of knowledge sharing sessions, deliberations & analysis, brainstorming & recommendations, formal & informal peer relationship building, future planning & strategic thought provocations, reviews & revisions, and an overall sense of holistic development of the New Delhi YMCA.



YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre

Prayer Breakfast Fellowship

On 28th September 2024, YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre organized a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship at 8:30 a.m., aimed at fostering spiritual growth and community bonding. The event commenced with an opening prayer led by Pas. Binu Varghese, IPC Rahoboth Church, setting a tone of reverence and unity.

Following the prayer, Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, NDY delivered a warm welcome address, which was followed by greetings from Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre. The praise and worship session was led by the vibrant worship team from Methodist Church, Sonapat.

Ms. Aradhna Peter then read the scripture reading, leading the gathering into the spiritual reflection that was further deepened by the message delivered by guest speaker Rev. Anugreh Peter, Pastor, Methodist Church, Sonapat. His message inspired the attendees with words of encouragement and faith.

The congregation sang the hymn "Gin Gin Ke Stuti Karu," a moment of collective worship that further unified everyone in praise. As a gesture of appreciation, Chairman Mr. Vijay Russell felicitated the guest speaker, Rev. Anugreh Peter, and the worship team from Methodist Church, Sonapat.

The program concluded with a closing prayer led by Pas. Kamal Kishore, blessing the gathering and offering thanks for the fellowship followed by benediction. Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, NDY expressed gratitude to all participants with a heartfelt vote of thanks. The event concluded with everyone coming together for a fellowship breakfast, marking the end of a spiritually enriching morning.



YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre

Inter- School Aquatic Championship- 5 - 6 October 2024



YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre successfully organized the **Inter-School Aquatic Championship** (Affiliated with District Gautam Buddha Nagar Swimming Association) on 5th and 6th October 2024. The two-day event saw enthusiastic participation from various schools and institutions across Greater Noida, promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy competition.

The event commenced with an opening prayer by Pastor Samson from the Assembly of Believers Crown Church, setting a spiritual tone for the championship. Following this, Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, GNPC addressed the gathering, extending a warm welcome to all the participants, officials, and guests. Mr. J.A. Benjamin, President, NDY delivered the greetings followed by a warm welcome by Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY.

Mr. Suresh Deshwal, Secretary, Gautam Buddha Nagar Swimming Association, administered the athletes' oath, emphasizing fairness and integrity in the competition. After that, Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, GNPC officially declared the Aquatic Championship open.

On the first day, a total of 40 events took place, showcasing the talent and hard work of young swimmers from various schools. A total of 246 participants from 29 institutes competed, with 122 boys and 124 girls vying for medals across various categories. Medals were awarded to the top three performers in each event, celebrating the achievements of those who secured first, second, and third positions.

The second day of the championship saw 38 events unfold, bringing out the best in the swimmers. The competition was fierce yet friendly, with schools battling it out for the top honors. After a series of intense races, Jai Sports Academy emerged as the overall champions. Step by Step School, Noida, secured the first runner-up position, while DPS, Greater Noida took the second runner-up spot.

The closing ceremony was marked by a final address from Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, GNPC who congratulated all the participants for their excellent performances and sportsmanship. He declared the championship officially closed, following a closing prayer. The event ended with vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, GNPC acknowledging the efforts of all those who made the championship a success. The championship not only promoted swimming as a sport but also fostered camaraderie and team spirit among the youth, reflecting YMCA's commitment to community development through sports.



YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre

PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP- 26TH October 2024

YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre, organized the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on 26th October 2024 at 8:30am that brought together the local community for a morning of worship and fellowship.

The fellowship commenced with an opening prayer led by Pastor Vino Thomas, setting a reverent tone for the morning. Following the prayer, Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, New Delhi YMCA welcomed all the guests, creating an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie.

Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, Greater Noida Programme Centre then took the stage to extend greetings and further welcome all present, highlighting the importance of community and collective worship. The atmosphere was soon filled with praise as the AG Worship Centre, Greater Noida led a session of vibrant worship.

Pastor Prem Pal read the Scripture from the Gospel of Mathew 28:18-20. The reading laid the foundation for the message that followed.

Mr. Vincent Ashish Moses, Principal, Srijan School, Delhi delivered an inspiring message that resonated deeply with the attendees, emphasizing themes of faith, unity, and purpose in our daily lives. His words encouraged reflection and a renewed commitment to living out one's faith.

Following the message, the congregation joined together to sing "Aaj ka din yahova ne banaya hai," fostering a sense of unity and joy amongst all participants.

The event concluded with a closing prayer offered by Pastor Samson, followed by a heartfelt benediction, sending everyone off with blessings for the day ahead. Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, New Delhi YMCA delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all who attended and contributed to the fellowship.

As the morning drew to a close, attendees enjoyed a delicious breakfast, further enhancing the spirit of community and fellowship.

The Prayer Breakfast Fellowship was a meaningful occasion that strengthened bonds between participants and left everyone with a sense of hope and purpose.



YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre

Ecumenical Pastors' Meet- 26 October 2024



YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre organized Ecumenical Pastors' meet on 26 October 2024 at 11am, which was attended by 15 pastors from various congregations. The initiative received warm appreciation from the attendees, highlighting the importance of collaboration and shared faith.

The programme commenced with an opening prayer led by Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, NDY setting a reflective tone for the gathering. Following the prayer, Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, Greater Noida Programme Centre, extended greetings to all participants, fostering a welcoming environment.

Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, NDY alongside Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, NDY addressed the gathering, sharing insights and encouraging the pastors. Their speeches emphasized the significance of community support and collaborative efforts in the local church and beyond.

A key highlight of the event was a session dedicated to sharing experiences. The Pastors took turns discussing their journeys and the impact of various YMCA initiatives, such as the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship and the Medical Health Camp. The sharing session not only showcased individual experiences but also reinforced the collective mission of serving the community through faith-based initiatives.

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer offered by Rev. Wilson Joseph, followed by a Benediction, which provided a fitting end to a spiritually enriching gathering.

Overall, the Ecumenical Pastors Meet at the YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre was a meaningful event that strengthened bonds between local church leaders and encouraged future collaborations. The positive feedback from the pastors reflected the success of this initiative and the valuable role of YMCA in fostering community engagement.



YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal

Prayer Breakfast Fellowship

YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal organized the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 28th September 2024 at 08:30 am in the Open Chapel, YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal. The programme started with the opening prayer offered by Mr. Aalok Joy Kumar, MDIS. Mr. Sagar Emanuel Paul, Assistant Secretary, NDY, welcomed everyone present and especially the guest speaker of the programme, Mr. Elisha Patel, Professional Development Leader Teacher, MDIS. The Praise and worship was led by the faculty of Metro Delhi International School, Greater Nodia. The Scripture reading from the Book of Galatians Chapter 5: 22-23 was read by Ms. Elizabeth Jackson, MDIS. This was followed by message which was shared by Mr. Elisha Patel. He spoke on how we can reflect Christ through our daily lives and how we can be a better version of ourselves referring to the beatitudes. It was followed by a Special Hymn by Mr. Thotmung Muivah, MDIS. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Sagar Emanuel Paul, Assistant Secretary, NDY. The programme concluded with the Closing Prayer by Dr. Holger Mahlke, MDIS. Mr. Joydeep Rayan Raychowdhary, Regional Secretary, NCYI, and Mr. Sunil Sagar from National Council of YMCAs of India, Bhimtal, also attended the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship along with their families. Approximately 20 individuals attended this enriching Prayer Breakfast Fellowship, leaving with renewed faith. The event offered a meaningful opportunity for spiritual reflection and communal support, fostering an environment where attendees could strengthen their bonds and find inspiration for their personal journeys.



LAKME FASHION WEEK



IFTD has recently become an institutional member of Fashion Design Council of India - FDCI. As a part of the same, IFTD got an opportunity for its faculty and students to be a part of the Lakme Fashion Week 2024 from 9th Oct – 13th Oct, 2024. Lakme Fashion Week was organized by FDCI at The Grand, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi from 9th Oct – 13th Oct, 2024 and it witnessed renowned designers in the fashion industry showcasing their collections. Six students from IFTD, namely Sonalika Ahuja, Juhi, Shreya Singh, Nishtha, Shawez Ali and Sahil volunteered for the event by assisting different designers for their stalls from 9th – 13th Oct, 2024. IFTD Director, Dr. Indu Gupta alongwith the faculty members Ms. Smita Srivastava and Ms. Akanksha Ojha attended the show for Designers Pankaj and Nidhi on 12th Oct, 2024 at 5:00pm. Twenty other students attended the M&S show on 11th Oct, 2024. The students were very happy to attend the show and the experience would help them to incorporate the learnings in our own show Memorabilia 2024 scheduled on 7th Dec, 2024.



Department of Social & Human Development - SHD

New Delhi YMCA, Department of SHD is devoted to serve the Community continuously with its efforts for wholesome development of humankind. In the effort to do so, SHD conducts multifarious activities to be able to reach the unreached. Following is a brief report of the same

Teachers Day Programme:

The Department of Social and Human Development organized a programme on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September 2024 at Heinz Auditorium with all the Visiting Faculties of all 5 CDCs. The Cultural programme was presented by the students offering respect to the teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

The Programme started with a word of prayer and inaugural Vandana by the students of CDC Kalyanpuri. Malyarpan was done by all the guests and dignitaries on the portrait of Late Dr. Sarvepalli Radha Krishnan, who was known as the Model Teacher of all Time

The Chief Guest for the day was Prof. Pamela Singala, Chairperson, Satyawati College University of Delhi. The programme was also graced by the presence of Mr. Joseph Anil Benjamin, President NDY, Mr. Francis Andrade, Chairman SHD, Mr. James Massey, Vice Chairman SHD, Mr. Rajeev Singh General Secretary & CEO and Members of SHD Committee, Dr. Subhash Masters, Mr. Prakash Manwar, Dr. Saju Varghese, Mr. Alex Francis Fernandes. Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary SHD and Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer SHD were also present in the Programme.

The Visiting Faculties from all five Community Development Centers were felicitated and presented with gifts by the Guest and Dignitaries present on the occasion. 15 Visiting Faculties, 3 from each CDC were awarded with the Outstanding Performers award keeping in view the hard and sincere work put in by them throughout the year at their respective Centers. The Visiting Faculties who were given the Outstanding Performer Award were Ms. Pooja Jaiswal, Ms. Reena Sharma, & Ms. Saroj of CDC Sunlight Colony, Ms. Annu Chand, Ms. Rekha, & Ms. Pooja of CDC Daya Basti, Ms. Madhu Yadav, Ms. Tara & Ms. Anjana of CDC Kalyanpuri, Ms. Kanchan, Mr. Salman & Ms. Lakshita from CDC Savda-Ghevra, Ms. Varsha Verma, Ms. Priya Sharma, & Ms. Indira Saini, of CDC Karpoori Thakur

Core Group Meeting:

The Department of Social and Human Development Family Counseling Centre organised a Core Group Meeting on 25th September 2024 with Representatives of 28 NGOs and Government Departments. The purpose of this meeting was to network, enhance, and strengthen the neighborhood NGOs and Government Departments in fulfilling the objective of Community Development and providing supportive services to each other. There were 50 participants for the programme.

The Programme started with a welcome address and followed by a self-introduction of all the representatives from the NGOs and Governmental Agencies. The programme was also attended by Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer, Department of SHD. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer, Department of SHD expressing her gratitude to all the members.



Awareness Generation Programme

SHD Department organises regular Awareness Generation Programme (AGP) at all five CDCs and adjacent ALCs. The AGPs are organised on the Challenges and issues faced by the residents in the Community. Following are the AGPs conducted during September and October 2024.

Awareness Generation Programme on “Liver Care” was organised on 16th September 2024 & 24th October 2024 with Girls & Women at CDC Kalyanpuri and Karpoori Thakur respectively. The Programme was organised with support from Liver Care Foundation. The Resource Person was Mr. Santlal, Senior Community Development Officer from Liver Care Foundation. The objective of the programme is to raise awareness about the importance of a healthy Liver, different types of Liver Diseases, Symptoms & Precautions and also prevention of Liver Diseases. Total 85 Youth & Women participated in the programme.

On 7th September 2024 an Awareness Generation Programme was organised on “Health Education Regarding Fever & Diarrhea” with the Adolescent Girls & Women at CDC Karpoori Thakur. The Programme was directed towards increasing awareness among Girls and Women on Fever and Diarrhea, Symptoms, Causes and Prevention of it and also to create awareness about the myths and misconception associated with the Diarrhea. The Resource Person was Mr. Pravin Gupta, from Dr. RML College. 34 women participated in this Programme.

AGP on Menstruation Health and Hygiene & Distribution of Sanitary Pads was organised on 17th, 24th & 28th September 2024 with the Adolescent Girls and Women at CDC Kalyanpuri, Karpoori Thakur and Daya Basti respectively. Main purpose of this programme was to increase awareness among Adolescent Girls and Women on Menstruation Health & Hygiene and also to create Awareness about the importance of use of Sanitary Napkins. The Resource Person was Ms. Komal Kaushik and Ms. Kirti from Go Girl Foundation. Total 155 participants were present and Sanitary Pads were distributed to them.

An AGP was organised on 05th October 2024 with the theme Cyber Security. It was organised for the Youth at CDC Kalyanpuri. The AGP was done to empower Youth to safely navigate the technology-immersive society by helping them develop a balance between their relationships and technology. and also to create awareness about safety solutions in Cyberspace. The Resource person was Ms. Tarannum, Lead Consultant from Learning Ink Foundation. 43 participants attended the programme.

Awareness Generation Program on Safe and Unsafe Touch was organised on 14th October 2024 at CDC Savda Ghevra with the Adolescent Students of Remedial Class. The objective of the Programme was to aware the children of our community about how to be safe and understand the difference between good and bad touch. The session was conducted by Mrs. Vandana Ezra Lochan (Community Organizer – CDC Savda Ghevra). 43 students participated in the Programme.

On 16th October 2024 an Awareness Generation Programme was organised on “Power Consumption & Save Energy”. 41 Youth & Women participated in this programme at CDC Sunlight Colony. The Programme was organised with support from BSES Yamuna Power Limited. The Resource Person was Mr. Ranveer, Meter Reader, BSES Yamuna Power Limited. The participants were told about the methods of reducing Power Consumption in home, saving money, increasing energy security and reducing the pollution that is emitted from non-renewable sources of energy.

Awareness Generation Programme on “Sustainable Livelihood” was organized on 29th October 2024 with Self Help Group Women at CDC Daya Basti, “ACCESS Development Services” (National livelihoods support organization) was our partner in this programme. The objective of the programme was to reduce economic risks and build capacity of SHGs to provide economic, social and skill support for the welfare of women and the community. The Resource person was Mr. Rishabh Goswami, Project Manager and Ms. Beenu, Cluster Coordinator from ACCESS Development Services. Total 32 Women participated in the programme.

Donation of Food packets and Slippers by Rotary Club of Delhi South Ex.
The Rotary Club of Delhi South Ex. donated Slippers and Food packets to the people at the Karpoori Thakur CDC. 250 beneficiaries were present from the local and adjacent ALC areas. The programme was conducted on 23rd September 2024 by Ms. Sam Ninan Oommen and her team. The programme was graced by the presence of the President and the team of Rotary Club of Delhi South Ex. Also present were Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary and Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer Department of SHD.

Diwali Sale
Department of SHD organised Diwali Sale at Jai Singh Road, from 23rd to 26th October 2024. Products were displayed for sale, which included Diya (designer) and Glass Candles prepared by the marginalised girls & women of the community. This sale was a part of the Economic Empowerment and Skill Enhancement Programme.



Department of Social & Human Development

Success Stories of Community Development Centre (CDC), Daya Basti



Kanchan is a girl from a poor family of Rajasthan. There are a total of five members in her family. Kanchan's father came to Delhi in 1999 in search of employment. Kanchan's father is a daily wage labourer and earns around Rs 12000 per month. Kanchan's mother is associated with the Self-Help Group of Community Development Centre, Daya Basti and she is also able to contribute a little in fulfilling the needs of her family by taking a loan from the Self-Help Group.

Kanchan had been attending Remedial classes at Alternative Learning Centre, Railway Line Jakhira, Community Development Centre, Daya Basti since 2013. Kanchan continued her studies through remedial at Daya Basti Centre and as she was interested in Mathematics, she took Commerce in 11th class and passed 12th through Coaching classes at Community Development Centre, Daya Basti. Kanchan has also done basic computer course from YMCA CDC Daya Basti. After passing 12th from Delhi, Kanchan completed her B.Com from Rajasthan University. Kanchan is currently pursuing her B.Ed. Education and is also contributing to improving her family's financial condition by working as a substitute teacher at YMCA CDC Daya Basti. Results - After completing her education from YMCA CDC Daya Basti, Kanchan is currently working as a substitute visiting faculty for coaching class at YMCA CDC Daya Basti.

Ms. Seema is currently serving as a Visiting Faculty for Computer and Remedial Classes at two Community Development Centres—Daya Basti and Sunlight Colony—under the Department of Social & Human Development at New Delhi YMCA.

New Delhi YMCA has a rich history of transformative success stories that highlight its impact on underprivileged communities. Ms. Seema's journey is a testament to this. She has been associated with YMCA since 2000, a pivotal year when her family moved to Delhi. At that time, her family consisted of six members: her mother, father, uncle, and siblings. Her father worked as a laborer, and they lived in a rented house.

At the age of three, Seema joined the Balwadi at Mangal Bazar, an Alternative Learning Centre under the Community Development Centre at Sunlight Colony. This early exposure marked the beginning of her educational journey. Subsequently, she enrolled in MCD School and attended Remedial Classes, while also participating in various programs such as the Summer Programme, Independence Day, and Republic Day Celebrations at CDC Sunlight Colony.

After completing her 12th grade, Seema enrolled in a Computer Course. Upon finishing the course, New Delhi YMCA offered her a position as a Computer Instructor at CDC Sunlight Colony. Additionally, the YMCA's Department of Social & Human Development facilitated her training through NIIT Foundation, further enhancing her skills.

Seema's younger siblings also benefited from the YMCA's programs, participating in various activities. The support and opportunities provided by New Delhi YMCA have greatly contributed to Seema's personal growth and professional development. She is deeply grateful for the guidance and support that has empowered her towards self-sufficiency and economic independence.



New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel

In order to enhance the aesthetic appeal of accommodation rooms and meeting halls that will lead to improved guest experiences and more positive reviews, the painting work of Rooms and Meeting Rooms was carried out. The new sofa upholstery has significantly enhanced the lobby area, creating a more inviting atmosphere.

43 Inches smart TVs have been installed in the Deluxe Rooms to elevate the guest experience and to improve guest satisfaction. New refrigerators have been installed in Deluxe Rooms which not only improve the functionality of the Deluxe Rooms but also create an environment that prioritizes guest comfort and satisfaction. This, in turn helps elevate the overall standard of the accommodation.

The above mentioned efforts paid off and the Tourist Hostel was able to achieve above 100% occupancy on two days i.e on 24th September 2024 there was an overall occupancy of 106.67% and on 23rd October 2024 the occupancy was 103.33%.

The new baggage scanning machine was installed in Tourist Hostel for security reasons.

The air-conditioned Dining Hall at the Tourist Hostel can serve 80 persons at a time. It's multi cuisine food, Tea/coffee and snacks are available round the clock for in-house guests. Indian & Continental cuisines are the specialty of Tourist Hostel. We have also introduced the "DISH OF THE DAY" with take away facility.



Rural Community Development Centre (RCDC) , Hodal

Invitational Volleyball Tournament, 24 - 25 September, 2024

RCDC Hodal organised the annual Invitational Volleyball Tournament on the 24th & 25th September 2024 at the volleyball court at RCDC, Hodal. A total of 26 teams, including the host team, registered for the tournament. The tournament was played on a knock-out basis.

The inaugural programme was organised on the 24th morning, the chief guest for the programme was Mr. Bhupram Sorout, Secretary, District Volleyball Association, Palwal, he was accompanied by Mr. Chanderbhan, Chief Patron District Volleyball Association, Palwal. The program started with an opening prayer by Dr. Saju Varghese, Vice-Chairman RCDC Committee, the guests were welcomed by Mr. Feroze Khan Assistant General Secretary.

The Chief Guest was felicitated by the Chairman RCDC Committee Mr. Peter Prem who also gave his greetings to the athletes.

The matches started with the Chief Guest and Chairman RCDC each making one serve with the volleyball.

The tournament culminated with the final match being played between the teams from UP Police and YMCA Hodal, the winner being the UP Police team. Trophies and cash prizes were awarded to the winners and runner-up teams.



TEACHERS DAY PROGRAMME

YMCA Public School celebrated Teachers' Day on September 5, 2024, with a series of engaging activities organized by the school principal and management in collaboration with the student council.

The event aimed to honour and appreciate the dedicated efforts of the teachers and was marked by a joyful and vibrant atmosphere.

The day commenced with a lively cultural program featuring performances by students. The array of acts included musical performances, dance routines, and dramatic skits, all dedicated to showcasing the students' appreciation for their teachers. The performances were well-received and added a festive spirit to the occasion.

Following the cultural program, an inter-school cricket tournament was held, where students and teachers participated in a friendly match. This activity not only provided an opportunity for physical engagement but also strengthened the camaraderie between students and their teachers. The tournament was competitive yet enjoyable, reflecting the sportsmanship and unity within the school community.

The celebrations continued with a staff lunch organised by the school management. This provided a chance for teachers and staff members to relax and enjoy a meal together, further fostering a sense of community and appreciation among the faculty.

Special thanks are extended to Mr. Feroze Khan, AGS NDYMCA, for his support and contribution to the success of the event. His involvement was instrumental in ensuring the smooth execution of the day's activities.

The Teachers' Day celebration at YMCA Public School was a resounding success, marked by a vibrant cultural program, an engaging cricket tournament, and a convivial staff lunch. The event served as a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers to bond and express mutual appreciation. The joyful atmosphere and shared moments of celebration were a testament to the strong sense of community within the school.

DIWALI CELEBRATION

Diwali Celebration was held on 30.10.2024 on occasion of Diwali from class 1st to XIIth. Students enthusiastically decorated their classrooms, creating beautiful rangolis and embellishing them with lights. A class-wise decoration competition was organized to determine the best-decorated classroom. Mr. Feroze Khan, Assistant General Secretary, and Mrs. Namita Kakkar, Coordinator of TTI, served as the judges for the event. Students enjoyed the feeling of togetherness and enlightening the festival of Diwali. The celebration fostered a sense of community, and students enjoyed the festivities while sharing a spirit of belongingness.



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SWACHH BHARAT & GREEN DIWALI CLEAN DELHI - RALLY – 30th Oct 2024

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan is the most significant cleanliness campaign by the Government of India. Its responsibility of the entire citizens to keep their surrounding clean. Thus YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL initiated one step towards- cleanliness by having a Swachh Bharat Rally and also promoting awareness for having Green Diwali and Clean Delhi on 30th October 2024.

Students from Nursery to Class XIIth (around 900) participated in rally and Swachhta Shapath was taken by the school Principal, Staff and Students for cleanliness in our surroundings. The students marched with the slogan “CLEAN DELHI GREEN DELHI” & “Bandh Karo, Bomb Fodna Bandh Karo”; holding the banners and placards on the theme ‘Clean India & Green Diwali’ around the School Campus areas on road.

Thus, all the above activities conducted by the school, enabled it to take this mission of Cleanliness to the community, thereby creating mass awareness.



YMCA Public School –Special Wing “ Diwali Mela”

The YMCA special wing Diwali Mela was a resounding success, thanks to the collective efforts of the dedicated teachers and enthusiastic students. This five-day (Oct 24- Oct 30) extravaganza showcased the creative talents and entrepreneurial spirit of the students, who had tirelessly worked throughout the year to produce a diverse range of Diwali-themed products. The event was a testament to the school's commitment to fostering holistic development and empowering its students. The students played a pivotal role in every aspect of the Diwali Mela, from conceptualization to execution.

Students showcased their artistic and innovative skills by crafting a wide array of Diwali products, including:

- Diyas
- Candles
- Rangoli designs
- Decorative items
- Bandhan bar
- Gel candle
- Floating candle
- Bags
- Envelopes
- Pottery

Students took charge of promoting the mela and engaging with parents and other guests showing the different products put up for sale. The special wings students were responsible for handling monetary transactions, including accepting payments and maintaining accurate records with support from teachers. This experience provided them with valuable insights into how money is handled.

The parents of YMCA School were actively involved in the Diwali Mela, providing unwavering support and encouragement to their children. Parents motivated their children to participate in the mela, fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment. Parents attended the mela in large numbers, supporting their children's efforts and purchasing products. The Diwali Mela had a significant impact on the students, parents, and the school community as a whole. The event empowered students by providing them with a platform to showcase their talents, develop entrepreneurial skills, and gain practical experience in various areas.

Community Building: The mela fostered a sense of community among the special wings students, parents, and teachers, strengthening bonds and promoting social interaction. The YMCA School Diwali Mela was a remarkable success, thanks to the dedication and hard work of the students, teachers, and parents. The event not only showcased the creative talents of the students but also instilled in them a sense of responsibility, teamwork, and entrepreneurial spirit. It is hoped that such events will continue to be organized in the future to provide students with enriching learning experiences.



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Report on Crime Awareness by the Police Department

The Nizamuddin Police Department conducted a crime awareness program at our school 'YMCA Public School' to educate students about various aspects of crime prevention, personal safety, and community responsibility.

Key Topics Covered

- Types of Crimes:** The police presented information on different types of crimes affecting our community, including theft, vandalism, and cybercrime. They emphasized how these crimes can impact individuals and neighborhoods.
- Personal Safety Tips:** Officers shared tips for staying safe and alert by being aware of the surroundings.
- Cyber Safety:** With the rise of technology, cybercrime is a growing concern.
- Reporting Crimes:** The importance of reporting suspicious activities or crimes was stressed. Students were encouraged to communicate with trusted adults and understand the process of contacting the police.

Thanks to the local police department for their commitment to educating our youth and fostering a safer environment.



Lifeguard Training / Swimming Instructor Programme and Renewal Course – 16th to 26th September 2024

The Department of Sports organized the Second Life Guard Training Programme and the Renewal Course by Executive Faculties of Delhi Swimming Association, and Fitness.

The Lifeguard course was conducted by Mr. Rajkumar, Ex-Secretary, Delhi Swimming Association and assisted by Mr. Satish Chander and Ms Parampal, Former National Swimming Coach. A total of 20 participants underwent training for the Lifeguard Programme and 20 participants underwent training for Lifeguard Renewal Course.

The First Aid & CPR training was conducted by Mr. Anup, a well-qualified Instructor. All 40 participants underwent the First Aid & CPR training as a part of the Lifeguard Training Schedule.

The program began with a word of prayer said by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Asst. General Secretary. Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary gave his greetings to all the candidates. Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary, Sports, welcomed everyone present. The Lifeguard Course was conducted in co-ordination with the officials of the Delhi Swimming Association.

Lifeguard Training/ Swimming Instructor Programme and Renewal Course – 14th to 26th October 2024

The Department of Sports organized the third Life Guard Training / Swimming Instructor Programme and the Renewal Course from 14th to 26th October 2024 which was attended by 25 aspirants and conducted by the representatives of Delhi Swimming Association.



XXVI New Delhi YMCA Invitational Inter College Basketball Tournament - 22nd to 26th October 2024

New Delhi YMCA Department of Sports organised the “XXVI Invitational Inter College Basketball Tournament” from 22nd to 26th October 2024. There were 30 teams from different Colleges of Delhi that participated in the tournament which spanned over 05 days.

The Inaugural Ceremony was held on 22nd October 2024 at 11.00 AM. The program began with a word of prayer said by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, and Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary welcomed everyone present and shared his Greetings. Mr. Rajesh Sunny Joshua, Chairman, Sports Committee gave his Greetings and wished the team the best of luck for the Tournament.

Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO NDY was the Chief Guest for the Opening Ceremony, he also gave his greetings for organising this XXVI Invitational Inter College Basket Ball Tournament. He declared the Tournament Open.

A total of 150 participants from 30 teams participated in the Tournament out of which 16 were Boys Teams and 14 Girls Teams. The Closing Ceremony was a grandeur that witnessed dignitaries from New Delhi YMCA, and the Sports Fraternity, along with the Chief Guest for the Ceremony, Ms. Prashanti Singh, Indian National Women's Basketball Player, Padma Shri and Arjuna Awardee. The tournament was a grand success and highly appreciated by attendees and participants alike.



Congratulations & Welcome to the YMCA Family

DR.INDU GUPTA, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF FASHION TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN, JOINED ON 02.09.24

MS.SARITHA NAIR, PA TO GS & CEO, JOINED ON 09.09.24

MS.BHARTI NAGPAL, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF MEDIA STUDIES & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,
JOINED ON 16.09.24

MR.BINOD KUMAR, COOK, F&B, TOURIST HOSTEL, JOINED ON 21.9.24

MS.PRIYANKA KUMARI, CASHIER – TOURIST HOSTEL, JOINED ON 21.10.24

MR.PRANAV KUMAR, PGT HISTORY, YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL, NIZAMUDDIN, JOINED ON 28.10.24



Obituaries



*...and the dust returns to the ground it came from,
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
-Ecclesiastes 12:7*



MR NIKHIL BANERJEE (NDY MEMBER) LOST HIS MOTHER ON 4/9/2024

DR. VIKAS MEHRA, DIRECTOR IMS, NDY LOST HIS MOTHER ON 11/9/2024

MR. ANIL KUMAR NILKANTH, NDY MEMBER PASSED AWAY ON 18/10/2024

MR VICTOR VISSCHER, ASSISTANT ACCOUNTS OFFICER, NEW DELHI YMCA LOST HIS BROTHER ON 14/10/2024)

MR DHEERAJ DAVID (NDY MEMBER) LOST HIS MOTHER ON 31/10/2024





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Forthcoming Programmes - 2024

S.NO.	DEPARTMENT	PROGRAMME	DATE	TIME	VENUE	CONCERNED SECRETARY
1	GNPC	Prayer Breakfast Fellowship	30.11.24	8.30 AM	GNPC	Mr.Harshul Singh
2	GNPC	Medical Health Camp	30.11.24	11:00 AM	GNPC	Mr.Harshul Singh
3	PCT	Seminar on Sleep Apnea	05.12.24	10.00 AM	Heinz Auditorium	Mr.Gladwin Lal
4	GNPC	Legal Workshop	06.12.24	10:00 AM	GNPC	Mr.Harshul Singh
5	HPDP	Fashion Show	07.12.24	6:00 PM	Tourist Hostel Arena	Mr.Noel Phillips
6	Students & Youth	Visit to Orphanage	11.12.24	11:00 AM	Missionaries of Charity, Jungpura	Mr.Feroze Khan
7	GNPC	Christmas Melodies	12.12.24	11:00 AM	GNPC	Mr.Harshul Singh
8	RCDC, Hodal	Christmas Programme	13.12.24	11:00 AM	RCDC, Hodal	Mr.Feroze Khan
9	Christian Emphasis	Festival of Choirs	13.12.24	6:00 PM	Tourist Hostel Arena	Mr.Gladwin Lal
10	Christian Emphasis	Prayer Breakfast Fellowship	14.12.24	8.30 AM	Heinz Auditorium	Mr.Gladwin Lal
11	Corporate Office	Members' Lunch	15.12.24	12.30 PM	Tourist Hostel Arena	Mr.Rajeev Singh
12	Christian Emphasis	NDY Choir Concert	15.12.24	12.30 PM	Tourist Hostel Arena	Mr.Gladwin Lal
13	Christian Emphasis	Children's Christmas Tree Party	15.12.24	3:00 PM	Tourist Hostel Lawns	Mr.Gladwin Lal
14	Sattal Campsite	Christmas Programme	17.12.24	11:00 AM	Sattal Campsite, Uttarakhand	Mr.Sagar Paul
15	Social & Human Development (SHD)	Christmas Programme	19.12.24	11:00 AM	Jai Singh Road	Mr.Hemant Agarwal
16	Programme, Cultural & Tribal (PCT)	In-house Music Concert	20.12.24	5.30 PM	Heinz Auditorium	Mr.Gladwin Lal
17	YPS, Nizamuddin	Nativity Play & Christmas Programme	21.12.24	4:00 PM	YPS, Nizamuddin	Mr.Feroze Khan

YPS - YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin East, New Delhi

GNPC - Greater Noida Programme Centre, Greater Noida, UP

RCDC - Rural Community Development Centre, Hodal, Haryana

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